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The History of WIN House Edmonton's First Women's Shelter

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To mark the 50th anniversary of WIN House (Women in Need), its storied history has been captured in a new book, *WINning: The Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs of Opening a Women's Shelter* by Marsha Mildon. The book tells the story of how a disparate group of women (and a few men) in the late 1960s/early 1970s saw a need to help women and young girls coming to Edmonton with no place to go, and found a way to address that need by starting a women's shelter during a time when the concept was an unknown entity. The book chronicles the 50 year history and the stories of the people and organizations (including the Edmonton Social Planning Council) who founded, funded, volunteered, and stayed at the Edmonton Women's Shelter and the subsequent shelters, WIN House I, WIN House II, and WIN House III (Carol's House).

